

## Washington State Board of Education (SBE) Staff

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Ben joined SBE in 2011. Prior to serving as the State Board of Education's Executive Director, Ben worked for the Washington State House of Representatives as a senior budget analyst for the Education Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees. Mr. Rarick's career experiences also include time as a Project Coordinator at the School Finance Redesign Project at the University of Washington, and as a Director and Policy Associate for the New Jersey Department of Education.

### Sarah Rich

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Sarah joined SBE in 2010. Sarah's work experience includes serving as the Reading First Director at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and work at the Employment Security Department in national service programs. She holds degrees in anthropology and public administration. She enjoys spending time with her family and running marathons.



### Jack Archer

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Jack joined SBE in 2011. He has more than 16 years experience as a fiscal analyst in the state House of Representatives, where he was closely involved with education policy. He has also served as a research analyst in the Education and Research Data Center at the Office of Financial Management. His previous experience includes research director for a Seattle-based policy research organization and staff to the Connecticut legislature.

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Linda Drake joined SBE in 2012. For over 10 years she worked at Pierce County Careers Connection as a project manager and as director. She led projects and initiatives supporting college-readiness and the successful transition of high school students to post-secondary education and careers, including the Tech Prep Dual Credit program for Pierce County. Linda holds a master's degree in geology and geophysics and has experience in environmental consulting and in teaching university-level geology and oceanography.

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Sarah joined the SBE in 2013. For more than 10 years she worked at the Attorney General's Office, most recently as the Director of New Media. Sarah earned her master's degree in digital media and bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Washington. Sarah can frequently be found on the UW campus proudly sporting purple during football season.



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Denise joined SBE in 2012. Prior, she held administrative and meeting planning support positions, including Professional Development Coordinator for the Association of Washington School Principals for 10 years.